

In the Claims:

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Claim 1 (canceled)

2. (previously amended) The base of claim 7, wherein said identification label comprises indicia.

3. (original) The base of claim 2, wherein said indicia comprises a team logo.

4. (original) The base of claim 2, wherein said indicia comprises a league logo.

5. (original) The base of claim 2, wherein said identification label comprises:  
a photopolymer coating applied over a printed image of indicia.

6. (original) The base of claim 2, wherein said identification label comprises a release paper with a screen print image of said indicia that is heat transferred to either said top face or said side wall.

7. (previously amended) A base for use during the play of baseball or softball, comprising:

a bottom;

a top face;

a side wall attached to said bottom and said top face,

an identification label attached to said top face; and

wherein said top face comprises a cutout into which said identification label is inserted.

8. (previously amended) A base for use during the play of baseball or softball, comprising:

a bottom;

a top face;

a side wall attached to said bottom and said top face,

an identification label attached to said side wall; and

wherein said sidewall comprises a cutout into which said identification label is inserted.

9. (original) The base of claim 8, wherein said identification label comprises indicia.

10. (original) The base of claim 9, wherein said indicia comprises a team logo.

11. (original) The base of claim 9, wherein said indicia comprises a league logo.

12. (original) The base of claim 9, wherein said identification label comprises:  
a photopolymer coating applied over a printed image of indicia.

13. (previously amended) The base of claim 7, further comprising:

a second sidewall attached to said sidewall, said bottom and said top face;

a third side wall attached to said second side wall, said bottom and said top face; and

a fourth sidewall attached to said sidewall, said third sidewall, said bottom and said top face.

Claim 14 (canceled)

B1 15. (previously amended) The base of claim 7, further comprising a post attached to said bottom.

16. (original) The base of claim 15, further comprising a plate attached to said post; and

wherein said bottom comprises a lip that defines an opening into which a portion of said plate is inserted.

17. (previously amended) The base of claim 7, wherein said base is made of a resiliently deformable material.

18. (original) The base of claim 17, wherein said resiliently deformable material is rubber.

Claims 19-31 (canceled)

32. (previously added) The base of claim 13, wherein said side wall, said second side wall, said third side wall and said fourth side wall define a square-like shape.

33. (previously added) The base of claim 8, further comprising:  
a second sidewall attached to said sidewall, said bottom and said top face;  
a third side wall attached to said second side wall, said bottom and said top face; and  
a fourth sidewall attached to said sidewall, said third sidewall, said bottom and said top face.

34. (previously added) The base of claim 33, wherein said side wall, said second side wall, said third side wall and said fourth side wall define a square-like shape.

35. (previously added) The base of claim 8, further comprising a plate attached to said post; and  
wherein said bottom comprises a lip that defines an opening into which a portion of said plate is inserted.

36. (previously added) The base of claim 8, wherein said base is made of a resiliently deformable material.

37. (previously added) The base of claim 36, wherein said resiliently deformable material is rubber.

38. (currently amended) The base of claim 43 44, wherein said identification label comprises indicia.

39. (previously added) The base of claim 38, wherein said indicia comprises a team logo.

40. (previously added) The base of claim 38, wherein said indicia comprises a league logo.

41. (previously added) The base of claim 38, wherein said identification label comprises:

a photopolymer coating applied over a printed image of indicia.

42. (currently amended) A base for use during the play of baseball or softball,  
comprising:

a bottom;

a top face;

a first side wall attached to said bottom and said top face,

a second sidewall attached to said first sidewall, said bottom and said top face;

a third side wall attached to said second side wall, said bottom and said top face;

a fourth sidewall attached to said first sidewall, said third sidewall, said bottom and said top face;

an identification label attached to either said top face or said first sidewall;

and

wherein said first side wall, said second side wall, said third side wall and said fourth side wall define a square-like shape and ~~The base of claim 14;~~ wherein said top face comprises a cutout into which said identification label is inserted.

43. (currently amended) A base for use during the play of baseball or softball, comprising:

a bottom;

a top face;

a first side wall attached to said bottom and said top face,

a second sidewall attached to said first sidewall, said bottom and said top face;

a third side wall attached to said second side wall, said bottom and said top face;

a fourth sidewall attached to said first sidewall, said third sidewall, said bottom and said top face;

an identification label attached to either said top face or said first sidewall;  
and

wherein said first side wall, said second side wall, said third side wall and said fourth side wall define a square-like shape and ~~The base of claim 14,~~ wherein said sidewall comprises a cutout into which said identification label is inserted.

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44. (previously added) The base of claim 43, wherein said identification label comprises:

a photopolymer coating applied over a printed image of indicia.

45. (currently amended) The base of claim 43 44, further comprising a post attached to said bottom.

46. (previously added) The base of claim 45, further comprising a plate attached to said post; and

wherein said bottom comprises a lip that defines an opening into which a portion of said plate is inserted.

47. (currently amended) The base of claim 43 44, wherein said base is made of a resiliently deformable material.

48. (previously added) The base of claim 47, wherein said resiliently deformable material is rubber.

49. (new) The base of claim 42, further comprising a post attached to said bottom.

Bl 50. (new) The base of claim 49, further comprising a plate attached to said post; and

wherein said bottom comprises a lip that defines an opening into which a portion of said plate is inserted.

51. (new) The base of claim 42, wherein said base is made of a resiliently deformable material.

52. (new) The base of claim 51, wherein said resiliently deformable material is rubber.

53. (new) The base of claim 42, wherein said identification label comprises indicia.



54. (new) The base of claim 53, wherein said indicia comprises a team logo.

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55. (new) The base of claim 53, wherein said indicia comprises a league logo.

56. (new) The base of claim 53, wherein said identification label comprises:  
a photopolymer coating applied over a printed image of indicia.

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